

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1012

Introduced by Assembly Member Cook

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 8902 of the Government Code, relating to state officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1012, as introduced, Cook. State officers.

Existing law authorizes the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to adopt regulations governing any matter over which it has jurisdiction. Existing law entitles a Member of the Legislature to reimbursement of living expenses when in Sacramento to attend a session of the Legislature or when attending to other specified legislative duties, at a rate established by the board, but not less than the rate provided to federal employees traveling to Sacramento.

This bill would provide that there shall be no reimbursement for the living expenses of a late or absent Member of the Legislature.

The California Constitution requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote for a measure that prescribes reimbursement of living expenses in connection with the official duties of a Member of the Legislature.

This bill would therefore require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8902 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:

1 8902. During those times that a Member of the Legislature is
2 required to be in Sacramento to attend a session of the Legislature
3 and during those times that a ~~member~~ Member is traveling to and
4 from, or is in attendance at, any meeting of a committee of which
5 he or she is a ~~member~~ Member or is attending to any other
6 legislative function or responsibility as authorized or directed by
7 the rules of the house of which he or she is a ~~member~~ Member or
8 by the joint rules, he or she shall be entitled to reimbursement of
9 his or her living expenses, *unless the Member is late or absent*, at
10 a rate established by the California Victim Compensation and
11 Government Claims Board that is not less than the rate provided
12 to federal employees traveling to Sacramento. *If a Member is late*
13 *or absent, the Member shall receive no reimbursement of his or*
14 *her living expenses for the date on which the Member is late or*
15 *absent.*